

GRAMMAR REVISION – master studies exam

Tense revision:

There are seven mistakes in this letter. Correct them:

Dear Mr Aziz,

I would like to apply for the job of shop manager which I see advertised in the local paper. I am twenty years old. I was born in France, but my family moved to England when I was twelve and I am living here ever since. I left school since three years and since then I am having several jobs in shops. For the past six months I am working in Halls Department Store. The manager has been saying that he is willing to give me a reference. I speak French and English fluently. I have also learnt German since I left school, so I speak some German too. I hope you will consider my application.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Brett.

Gerund, infinitive:

Choose the correct form of the underlined verbs:

1. I wouldn't advise any parent to take/taking their children to a zoo.
2. It was so horrible I couldn't bear to watch/watching it.
3. I'll never forget to meet/meeting my all-time favourite author.
4. I only just remembered to warn/warning her in time.
5. When his playing career finished he went on becoming/to become a successful chat-show host.
6. You are recommended leaving/to leave your valuables at reception.
7. It is strictly forbidden to disturb/disturbing people in this room.
8. He stopped to have/having a cigarette.
9. She is not used to work/working hard.
10. She used to work/working hard when she was young.

Adverbs, adjectives:

Fill in the gaps with a correct form of an adverb or adjective:

1. He arrived late/late.
2. I haven't seen him late/late.
3. We are flying direct/directly.
4. He is high/highly thought of.
5. The dancer leapt high/highly.
6. It was raining hard/hardly.

7. It hard/hardly matters now.
8. I was deep/deeply hurt.
9. Deep/deeply in my heart I know it's over.
10. Malaria can be a dead/deadly disease.
11. Feel free/freely to look around.

Choose the correct form of the adjective: -ing or -ed

I always feel tiring/tired after an exhausting/exhausted training.

The long lecture was rather tiring/tired.

The book was not very interesting/interested.

He has a lot of annoying/annoyed habits.

She has a very interesting/interested job and she is very interesting/interested in it.

Modals:

Complete the second sentence with must/n't/, need/n't/, should/n't/, or don't have to, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence:

1. It is vital to wear a helmet when you ride a motorbike.
You.....
2. I expect we'll get the contract because we offered the best price.
We offered the best price, so we.....
3. It was wrong of you to speak to my mother like that.
You.....
4. She promised to phone me before lunch. It's seven o'clock now.
She.....by now.
5. I made far more sandwiches than we needed.
I.....so many sandwiches.
6. It's essential that my father doesn't find out what I have done.
My father.....
7. In my opinion it would be wrong for them to move house now.
I don't think they
8. My sister offered me a lift, so it wasn't necessary for me to call a taxi.
As my sister offered me a lift, I.....
9. I think it's a good idea to check the timetable before we leave.
We.....

Where necessary, suggest a correction for these sentences:

1. I think I saw her go out, so she might not be at home.
2. It may not be true, there must be some mistake.
3. If we don't get to the market soon, they can't have any flowers left, they will all have been sold.
4. If you are free at the moment, we may have a job for you.
5. I might go out later if the weather improves.
6. I think he has to be very rich.
7. They want us to leave by tomorrow, they mustn't be serious.
8. I heard about Jane's accident. You had to have been worried about her.
9. He says he is 50, but he mustn't be that old.
10. To get to Peru, I had to borrow money from my sister.

Conjunctions:

Choose the best conjunction/although, even though, in case, unless, as long as, provided (that), so that, in spite of, because, because of/ in the following sentences:

1. it rained a lot, we had a great time.
2. I did not go out I was feeling awful.
3. You should have a spare wheel you have a puncture.
4. We won't be able to come the weather
5. having no formal medical qualifications, my acupuncturist has helped me a lot.
6. She stayed at work late she could complete the report.
7. Travelling by car is convenient you have somewhere to park.
8. Tom doesn't speak Spanish, I think he should still visit Madrid.
9. You can't enter you are a member of the club.
10. You can borrow my umbrella you don't lose it.

Conditionals:

If necessary, correct these sentences:

1. If Jack had been honest, he would return the money.
2. The video pauses if you press this button.
3. If she would have really wanted to see me, she would have come earlier.
4. If Claire will continue to work hard, she should pass the exams easily.
5. Steve would have been attacked if I hadn't come along.
6. I'd be able to visit Jim first thing in the morning if I stay in Manchester overnight.
7. You'd be surprised if I told you how much this cost.
8. If I had suddenly announced that the holiday was cancelled, the children had objected.
9. We might soon be making a profit if all will to according to plan.

Collocations:

Match the words on the left with the words that they collocate with on the right:

Acknowledge
Fall into
Raise
Carry out
Play
Play
Key
Touch on
Challenge
Set out
Take into
Draw
Draw

consideration
a conclusion
the sources
powerful arguments
factors
an issue
a part in
several categories
a theory
a central role
a research
attention to
questions